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BENJAMIN W. WELLS, BOSTON, . . . " " " 1908.

FRED W. JENNESS, LOWELL, . . . " " " 1907.

[Elected by State Firemen's Association.]

FRED A. CHENEY, HAVERHILL, . . . Term expires Sept. 1, 1908.

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TREASURER STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

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HIRAM R. WILLIAMSON, . . . . . WORCESTER.



# Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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## REPORT.

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To His Excellency CURTIS GUILD, Jr., *Governor of the Commonwealth.*

The Board of Commissioners of the Firemen's Relief Fund presents herewith its report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1906.

During the year the Board has endeavored to pursue the strictest economy consistent with the purpose for which it was organized, which was to aid firemen who were injured while in the discharge of their duty.

Owing to claims amounting to \$1,473 carried over last year to July 1, 1905, the large number of fires throughout the State, the consequent fatalities and serious injuries to firemen, and the number of minor children under fifteen years of age who receive an allowance of \$2 per week, expenditures have largely increased; and the entire amount of funds at the disposal of the commissioners, namely, \$12,000, has been expended, and further claims amounting to \$4,360.50 are still pending before the commissioners.

### MINOR CHILDREN.

As heretofore, our treasurer, Mr. Hiram R. Williamson, has devoted a large portion of his time and attention to visiting these beneficiaries, in order to acquire a personal knowledge of their environment and necessities; and largely by reason of his intelligent labor the Board believes it has been enabled to make a just and equitable expenditure of this fund. We believe that the Commonwealth takes the greatest possible interest in the minor children of firemen

killed in the discharge of their duties, which children by its generosity it has sought to protect and guard during their minority: and it has been the special effort of the commissioners to assure themselves that this wise and generous provision of the State is expended to the utmost advantage.

The Board has been fortunate in retaining during the past year the services of Mr. D. Arthur Burt, its efficient and able secretary, and is pleased to acknowledge again his valuable services to the Commission.

The Board also takes this opportunity to express its appreciation of the efforts of Capt. Wm. Brophy and his associates of the State Firemen's Association for assistance rendered this Board.

Appended is a tabulated statement, showing the amounts allowed and paid during the year for accidents and fatalities in the various cities and towns of the Commonwealth, with the causes of the same.

All of which is most respectfully submitted for the Board.

GEORGE F. HARWOOD,

*Chairman.*



## STATISTICS.

The following table shows the number of claims and amount allowed to cities and towns for injured firemen : —

### LIST OF CLAIMS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1906.

Claims considered, . . . . .	304
Claims allowed, . . . . .	295
Claims rejected, . . . . .	9
Death claims, . . . . .	8

CITY OR TOWN.	Number of Claims.	Death Claims.	Amount allowed.
Andover, . . . . .	1	—	\$15 00
Amesbury, . . . . .	2	—	34 50
Beverly, . . . . .	3	—	129 00
Boston, . . . . .	136	(1) \$100 00	4,185 50
Brockton, . . . . .	8	—	428 00
Brookline, . . . . .	2	—	23 50
Cambridge, . . . . .	7	—	150 50
Chelsea, . . . . .	6	(2) 200 00	546 50
Clinton, . . . . .	1	—	10 50
Concord, . . . . .	1	—	31 50
Danvers, . . . . .	2	—	52 50
Dedham, . . . . .	1	—	9 00
Everett, . . . . .	3	—	45 00
Fall River, . . . . .	3	—	177 00
Fitchburg, . . . . .	5	—	99 00
Gardner, . . . . .	1	—	7 50
Gloucester, . . . . .	1	—	52 00
Haverhill, . . . . .	2	—	19 50
Holyoke, . . . . .	4	—	43 00

CITY OR TOWN.	Number of Claims.	Death Claims.	Amount allowed.
Hudson, . . . . .	1	—	\$27 00
Ipswich, . . . . .	1	—	10 50
Lawrence, . . . . .	3	—	82 00
Lowell, . . . . .	14	(1) \$100 00	555 00
Lynn, . . . . .	11	—	526 50
Malden, . . . . .	5	—	175 00
Manchester, . . . . .	2	—	39 50
Mansfield, . . . . .	2	—	70 50
Marlborough, . . . . .	1	—	13 50
Medford, . . . . .	5	—	106 00
Millbury, . . . . .	1 <sup>1</sup>	—	—
Milford, . . . . .	1	—	52 50
Natick, . . . . .	2	—	27 00
New Bedford, . . . . .	2	—	36 00
Newburyport, . . . . .	3	—	250 50
North Attleborough, . . . . .	1	—	31 50
Northampton, . . . . .	1	—	49 50
Northborough, . . . . .	1	—	111 00
Norwood, . . . . .	2	—	39 00
Orange, . . . . .	1	—	19 50
Palmer, . . . . .	1	—	7 50
Peabody, . . . . .	1	—	30 00
Quincy, . . . . .	6	(2) 200 00	384 00
Revere, . . . . .	2	—	73 50
Salem, . . . . .	1	—	19 50
Somerville, . . . . .	5	—	310 50
Southbridge, . . . . .	1	—	21 00
Springfield, . . . . .	6	(2) 200 00	349 50
Taunton, . . . . .	4	—	94 50
Wakefield, . . . . .	2	—	90 00
Waltham, . . . . .	3	—	49 50
Warren, . . . . .	1	—	58 00
Watertown, . . . . .	1	—	25 50

<sup>1</sup> Rejected.

CITY OR TOWN.	Number of Claims.	Death Claims.	Amount allowed.
Winthrop, . . . . .	1 <sup>1</sup>	—	—
Woburn, . . . . .	2	—	\$63 00
Worcester, . . . . .	18	—	308 50
	304	\$800 00	\$10,165 50

<sup>1</sup> Rejected.

The following table shows the number of minor children entitled to benefit from the Firemen's Relief Fund, Massachusetts, in the several cities and towns, for the nine months ending April 1, 1906, together with the aggregate amounts allowed : —

CITY OR TOWN.	Number of Beneficiaries.	Amount.	CITY OR TOWN.	Number of Beneficiaries.	Amount.
Boston, . . . . .	12	\$898 00	Lowell, . . . . .	1	\$78 00
Chelsea, . . . . .	2	216 00	Lynn, . . . . .	4	274 00
Clinton, . . . . .	1	34 00	Plymouth, . . . . .	1	78 00
Foxborough, . . . . .	1	78 00	Somerville, . . . . .	2	156 00
Hanover, . . . . .	2	156 00	Springfield, . . . . .	4	156 00
Haverhill, . . . . .	1	78 00	Worcester, . . . . .	5	390 00
Hudson, . . . . .	5	390 00	Total, . . . . .	41	\$3,138 00

## DISBURSEMENTS FROM JULY 1, 1890, TO JULY 1, 1906.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JULY 1.	Expenditure.	Balance in Favor of Commonwealth.
1891, . . . . .	\$5,827 65	\$4,172 35
1892, . . . . .	9,724 10	275 90
1893, . . . . .	8,911 40	1,088 60
1894, . . . . .	8,422 11	1,577 89
1895, . . . . .	9,617 06	382 94
1896, . . . . .	9,406 76	593 24
1897, . . . . .	8,922 47	1,077 53
1898, . . . . .	7,314 63	2,685 37
1899, . . . . .	9,998 62	1 38 <sup>1</sup>
1900, . . . . .	10,008 13	2 87 <sup>2</sup>
1901, . . . . .	10,000 00	- <sup>3</sup>
1902, . . . . .	9,999 96	04 <sup>4</sup>
1903, . . . . .	11,540 19	459 81
1904, . . . . .	11,998 74	1 26 <sup>5</sup>
1905, . . . . .	11,998 20	1 80 <sup>6</sup>
1906, . . . . .	11,999 13	87 <sup>7</sup>
	\$155,689 15	\$12,321 85

<sup>1</sup> Claims to the amount of \$786 carried over to July 1, 1899.<sup>2</sup> Claims to the amount of \$773.50 paid from treasury of the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association, Aug. 1, 1900.<sup>3</sup> Claims to the amount of \$741 carried over to July 1, 1901.<sup>4</sup> Claims to the amount of \$1,443.50 carried over to July 1, 1902.<sup>5</sup> Claims to the amount of \$130 carried over to July 1, 1904.<sup>6</sup> Claims to the amount of \$1,473 carried over to July 1, 1905.<sup>7</sup> Claims to the amount of \$4,360.50 carried over to July 1, 1906.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

WORCESTER, MASS., June 28, 1906.

*To the Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.*

I have the honor to present this, my sixteenth annual report of the receipts and expenditures as treasurer of the fund for the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association, appropriated by the State and administered in conformity therewith.

### 1905.

#### RECEIPTS.

July 18. Received from Hon. Arthur B. Chapin, Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for the benefit of the Firemen's Relief Fund of Massachusetts (chapter 103, under the act of Feb. 25, 1902), . . .	\$12,000 00
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#### EXPENDITURES.

Paid 2,480 days' injury benefit to call men, at \$1.50 per day, . . . . .	\$3,720 00
Paid 4,029 days' injury benefit to permanent men, at \$1 per day, . . . . .	4,029 00
Paid 7 funeral benefits, at \$100 each, . . . . .	700 00
Paid 1,569 weeks' benefit for minor children, at \$2 per week, . . . . .	3,138 00
Paid expense account, . . . . .	412 13
	\$11,999 13
Balance due the Commonwealth, . . . . .	87
	\$12,000 00

Respectfully submitted,

H. R. WILLIAMSON,  
*Treasurer of the Massachusetts State  
Firemen's Association.*

## LEGISLATION.

[REVISED LAWS, CHAPTER 32.]

## FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND.

SECTION 71. The sum of ten thousand dollars shall annually, before the first day of July, be paid by the treasurer and receiver general to the treasurer of the Massachusetts state firemen's association out of the money received from taxes on fire insurance companies doing business in this commonwealth, and it shall be known as the firemen's relief fund of Massachusetts.

SECTION 72. The treasurer of said association shall give a bond in the sum of ten thousand dollars with sureties approved by the treasurer and receiver general conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties.

SECTION 73. Such fund shall be used for the relief of firemen, whether members of said association or not, who may be injured in the performance of their duty at a fire or in going to or returning from the same, and for the relief of the widows and children of firemen killed in the performance of such duty, in the manner and to the amount determined by a board of five persons, three of whom, not members of said association, shall be appointed by the governor, and two of whom shall be appointed by said association.

SECTION 74. Officers and members in active service in all incorporated protective departments co-operating with fire departments, and any person performing the duties of a fireman in a town having no organized fire department, shall be entitled to the benefits thereof.

SECTION 75. The unexpended balance of said fund for the preceding year shall be returned to the treasurer and receiver general before the fifteenth day of July in each year, with a detailed report, under oath, of the expenditure of such fund.

SECTION 77. Five hundred dollars may be allowed from said fund for the incidental expenses of said board, but no part thereof shall be expended for any other expenses or for salaries.

SECTION 77. If a fireman in a regularly organized fire department of a city or town, or any officer or member in active service of any incorporated protective department acting in concert with



fire departments, or a person doing fire duty at the request or by the order of the authorities of a town which has no organized fire department, or a person performing the duties of a fireman in such town, is killed, or dies within sixty days from injuries received, while in the performance of his duties, and his death is certified by the city or town clerk and the attending physician or medical examiner to the treasurer and receiver general, he shall pay to the executor or administrator of such fireman, out of the money received from taxes on fire insurance companies doing business in this commonwealth, the sum of one thousand dollars for the use equally of his widow and minor children; or if there are minor children but no widow, to their use; or if there is no minor child, to the use of the widow; and if there is no widow or minor child, to the use of the next of kin if dependent on such deceased fireman for support. A child of full age dependent upon such fireman for support shall be regarded as a minor child.

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[ACTS OF 1902, CHAPTER 108.]

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE ANNUAL PAYMENT BY THE STATE TO THE  
MASSACHUSETTS STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section seventy-one of chapter thirty-two of the Revised Laws is hereby amended by striking out the word "ten", in the first line, and inserting in place thereof the word: — twelve, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 71.* The sum of twelve thousand dollars shall annually, before the first day of July, be paid by the treasurer and receiver general to the treasurer of the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association out of the money received from taxes on fire insurance companies doing business in this Commonwealth, and it shall be known as the Firemen's Relief Fund of Massachusetts.

SECTION 2. Section seventy-two of said chapter is hereby amended by striking out the word "ten", in the second line, and inserting in place thereof the word: — twelve, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 72.* The treasurer of said association shall give a bond in the sum of twelve thousand dollars with sureties approved by the treasurer and receiver general conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved February 25, 1902.*

## [ACTS OF 1902, CHAPTER 203.]

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE MASSACHUSETTS STATE  
FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The sum of twelve thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the Commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association, as provided for by chapter one hundred and eight of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and two.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 19, 1902.*

## [ACTS OF 1903, CHAPTER 253.]

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE APPOINTMENT OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF  
THE FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section seventy-three of chapter thirty-two of the Revised Laws is hereby amended by striking out the whole of said section and inserting in place thereof the following: — *Section 73.* Such fund shall be used for the relief of firemen, whether members of said association or not, who may be injured in the performance of their duty at a fire or in going to or returning from the same, and for the relief of the widows and children of firemen killed in the performance of such duty, in the manner and to the amount determined by a board of five persons, of whom three, not members of said association, shall be appointed by the governor in July of the year nineteen hundred and three, to serve, one for three years, one for two years and one for one year; and one shall be appointed in July of each year thereafter to serve for the full term of three years, and two shall be appointed by said association in such manner as it may from time to time determine.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved April 17, 1903.*



[ACTS OF 1906, CHAPTER 171.]

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE ANNUAL PAYMENT TO THE MASSACHUSETTS  
STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows :*

SECTION 1. There shall be paid annually, on or before the first day of July, to the treasurer of the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, to be used by the association for the relief of firemen who may be injured in the performance of their duty at fires or in going to or returning from fires, and for the relief of widows and children of firemen killed in the performance of their duty, in the manner and to the amount to be determined by a board of five persons, three of whom, not members of said association, shall be appointed by the governor, and two of whom shall be appointed by said association.

SECTION 2. The treasurer of said association shall give a bond in the sum of thirteen thousand five hundred dollars, with sureties approved by the treasurer and receiver general, for the faithful performance of his duties.

SECTION 3. Chapter one hundred and eight of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and two and all other acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 16, 1906.*

# COMMISSIONERS OF THE FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND OF MASSACHUSETTS.

## 1905-1906.

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